

Two large, vibrant red poinsettias with green leaves are the central focus of the page. The flowers are in full bloom, with many pointed bracts radiating from a central green cluster. The leaves are a deep green with visible veins. The background is a light, neutral color.

# *Warmest Holiday Wishes*

*from The Echo staff  
Creighton Feir, Len Pizzey,  
Donna Brohm,  
Deb Bates & Deb Wilson*





Katie Campbell receives a gift from Santa

# Christmas :

*A time for Santa,  
a season of goodwill*

The staff of the Haliburton County Echo is once again pleased to share with readers some of the joys of the holiday season through this special supplement. In it you'll find scores of messages from local merchants, businesses and individuals. It is one way in which they can express to you, their customers, clients and friends, how much they appreciate your patronage and support. We hope you'll read the messages carefully, in the knowledge that they are sincerely expressed.

We are also pleased to be able to share with you some Christmas poetry and prose produced by students at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton.

The supplement also contains photographs taken last Thursday at the CHACE place Christmas party. Organizers had the good fortune to arrange a visit by the real Santa Claus, who spends his summers at his village near Bracebridge, and of course, his winters at the North Pole. As the photos show, nothing else quite matches the wonder of Santa Claus for young children.

May this supplement add to your enjoyment of Christmas. And may you have a safe and happy holiday.



Our happy little man sculpted from snow hopes your holiday season stays all aglow with the warmth of love, nearness of friends and joy and good wishes this greeting sends. We wish always to serve you as we have in the past. A valued friendship that is built to last.

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and  
VICTORIA  
LAUNDRY**  
\* Mel Hickson, Manager \*



Best wishes of the season to our many fine customers.

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Mary - Margaret  
and Susan



SEASON'S GREETINGS

To all our fine friends: have a very Merry Christmas.

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Here's hoping your Christmas is brimming with holiday delights. We've enjoyed your patronage throughout the year.

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HALIBURTON

## Christmas Blessings

To all, warmest wishes for a bright and beautiful Holy Season!

From  
**CINDY McLEAN  
LINDSAY  
TRAVEL**



## Noel



May you and your family share in every happiness. Best wishes from all of us.

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*What a wonderful treasure Christmastime sends  
With the pleasure we get from remembering friends.*





Cathy Hagerman shows the presents Santa gave her to her mother, Diane

Joy  
and  
peace



As 1985 begins,  
our hopes are  
raised that peace  
may bless the  
earth.

**NANCY'S  
FLOWERS**  
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Nancy - Brenda  
Marie, David,  
& Susan

**SEASON'S  
GREETINGS**



May the joy of  
Christmas fill  
your hearts.

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mas season to our  
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of the Christmas  
season be yours.

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May you be  
blest with every  
joy!

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**GOOD  
TIDINGS**



The best of the Holiday  
wishes to you and yours  
from all of us. We thank  
you for your support  
and look forward to  
doing business with  
you again.

**Eccentric  
Wardrobe**  
haliburton





Dawne Louise Mitchell says thank you to Santa

## Suzy rescues Santa, saves Christmas

"No presents," cried the children.

"Where are all the decorations?" cried the children again.

All of the ornaments were gone, all of the strung popcorn was gone; the tree was completely bare.

One of the boys spoke up, "Maybe Santa died, he was pretty old you know!"

All of the children began talking at once.

"Maybe he ate too much, and the sleigh couldn't pull him".

"Maybe his reindeer got sick".

"Or Rudolph's nose blew out".

"I still think he died," said Tim (he was known for his hideous ideas).

And one little girl, named Suzy, spoke up,

"Something has happened to him, and I'm going to find out what!" As determined, as she was, she rushed out of the room and headed for Santa's house. She soon reached the house and knocked on the door. The door opened and a lady answered, "Yes".

Suzy wondered if it was Mrs. Claus; yes, it had to be.

"I'm from the orphanage, and my name's Suzy Popadopolis. I'm wondering why Santa hasn't delivered the presents," asked Suzy.

Mrs. Claus was crying.

"I don't know where he is, he never came home last night," she sniffed.

Mrs. Claus invited her in, and they discussed things while eating cookies and milk.

"Maybe he was kidnapped," said Suzy.

"Yes, that could be," replied Mrs. Claus.

"Do you know of anyone who would do such a thing," Suzy asked Mrs. Claus.

"Well, there's Scrooge, the selfish old geezer; he'd probably do something like that," said Mrs. Claus.

"Good," said Suzy.

Mrs. Claus burst into tears, "Good, that's horrible," she said.

"No, I meant that's where he could be. Let's go and see," said Suzy.

They went and told the elves where they were going and left.

They soon reached the house, which was very easy to find, since it was the only

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Joy  
and  
peace



A Christmas wish: we hope you enjoy a happy Holiday Season in warmth and peace.

THE  
MANAGEMENT  
AND STAFF  
**MINDEN  
MARINE**  
MINDEN



*Rejoice*

May the peace and joy of that very first Christmas be with you throughout this Holiday Season and after.



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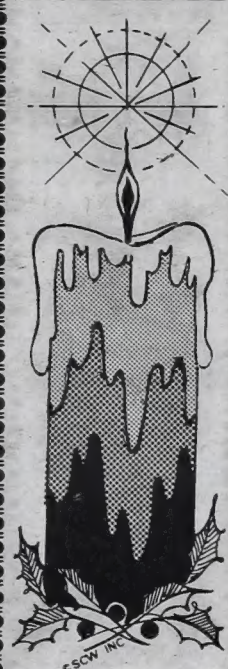
**TO THE  
GLORY OF  
CHRISTMAS**

Blow, bugles of battle, the marches of peace;  
East, west, north, and south let the long quarrel cease;  
Sing the song of great joy that the angels began,  
Sing the glory of God and of goodwill to man!

THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF  
OF  
**FAMILY FASHIONS**

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**SEASONS  
GREETINGS**



A blessed, happy Holiday to one and all from our staff at:

**HALCO  
AUDIO  
VISUAL**

**Radio  
Shack**



## The rescue

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house with the "BEWARE OF MAN", sign out front. Suzy knocked on the heavy oak door, and the knock was replied by a grouchy, old man; it was undoubtedly Scrooge.

"What do you want?" he growled.

Suzy replied in a shaky voice, "SANTA".

"Well, young lady, he's not here, besides he's too jolly fat. He wouldn't fit through this door," laughed Scrooge.

Just then Suzy peered through the door. There was Santa tied to a chair and not very far from him were the presents. Suzy thought of a plan to rescue Santa.

She yelled, "Look in the sky!"

Scrooge looked and Suzy pushed open the door and rescued Santa. So, Santa was set free and Scrooge was to polish the sleigh by himself for punishment.

Tomorrow was the 25th and Santa made it Christmas. Suzy had returned and she went to rest her sleepy head, right away.

And when she woke up, she woke up to beautiful presents and that was how Christmas began on the 25th.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Robin Barbour  
8C



David and Katie Laporte meet Santa

Christmas is a time to remember the gift that God sent

On Christmas morn  
The new king was born  
In a stable in Bethlehem.

Joseph and Mary  
Were so very happy  
With the gift that God had

sent down.

It was so easy to see  
Decided Jenny and me

That he would become his-  
tory.

So every December 25th  
day  
We celebrate his birthday  
In joy and happiness.

Tammy Barry  
7B

## The night before Xmas

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a person was stirring because no one was home. But the stockings were hung by the chimney with care because they've been there since December 10. The children were nestled all snug in their beds while visions of Santa's elves making toys ran through their heads. Mama in her curlers and I in my nightshirt had just come home from a long night's dance. When out in the lawn their arose such a clatter I sprang from my slippers to see what was the matter. When what to my

wondering eyes did appear but an extra large sleigh and eight tiny reindeer. And a jolly old driver so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it was just St. Nick. He came down the chimney with a great big bang and filled all the stockings with dolls and cars. Then all of a sudden he turned with a jerk and up the chimney he rose to go to another house. I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight, "Thanks to me all the kids are having a great Christmas."

Leslie Burke  
7A

## Reflections on Christmas

Lightly the snow fell on the ground,

The chill of winter was all around,

The snow, it was soft, as white as could be,

As I looked out the window this I did see.

I hung up the stockings on the warm shining hearth, as a beautiful silence quieted the earth.

I sat by the tree and smiled with glee,  
Hoping that Santa would visit me.

Beautiful was this Christmas Eve,

In all its meaning I do believe.

I walked over to the shelf,  
Pulled out the Bible to read to myself.

There I read with wonder and awe,

About the babe who lay in the straw.

Jesus the Saviour, the son of God,

Born this night with honour and laud.

Truly this must be,  
The meaning of Christmas given to me.

Jeff Stamp  
7A



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Joey Arnup shows his delight

## How Rudolf got a red nose

It all started way up north at Santa's Royal Stables. All the reindeer were playing a game with a bright, glowing, red, bouncy ball. Everyone was playing except for one. It was Rudolf. Rudolf was the baby and no reindeer like to baby and no reindeer liked to play with him. So Rudolf ate in the corner while the others played. All of a sudden Vixon the reindeer said, "Want to do something really funny?" And of course everyone answered, Yes. This was Vixon's plan. He wanted to put stay stuck glue on the ball, and then they would throw it to Rudolf and it would stick to him. Everyone loved the idea. So they did it. They got the glue from Santa's helpers and they rolled the ball in the stay stuck glue. Next they went to Rudolf and threw the ball at him. Rudolf tried to catch it but he missed and it landed smack dab on his nose. All the reindeer laughed. Rudolf was so embarrassed that he start-

ed to cry. He just snuck away into the stable. For days he cried, bawled, whimpered and pouted. Then on Christmas Eve it was the foggiest night over the whole world and Santa needed something to light the way. Prancer told Santa about the shiny ball

on Rudolf's nose. Santa went and found Rudolf and told him that if he didn't lead the reindeer the children wouldn't get any toys. Rudolf led the sleigh that night and all the reindeer loved him. And so you probably know Rudolf went down in history.

Jennifer Brydon  
7B

## Christmas of long ago

Once upon a time in a small town called Bethlehem, a little baby was born. This was no regular baby. This one was special. He was to be named Jesus Christ. The baby's parents' names were Joseph and Mary. All this happened on a cold winter's day in December. Joseph and Mary came to a town called Bethlehem. Mary and Joseph had no place to stay. They looked all over but all they found was a stable to stay. They spent

the night there. In the middle of the night Mary had a baby. They called him Jesus. Mary was told to call him Jesus because an angel came and told Mary she was to have a baby. Later that evening rich kings and people came and worshipped him. They brought him gold, myrr and frankincense. Later he grew up and became a famous person. That is how December 25th was called Christmas.

Aleatha Cooney  
7B

### Blessings to All



The Holy season is upon us ... may it bless each of us with love and joy now, and in the year to come.

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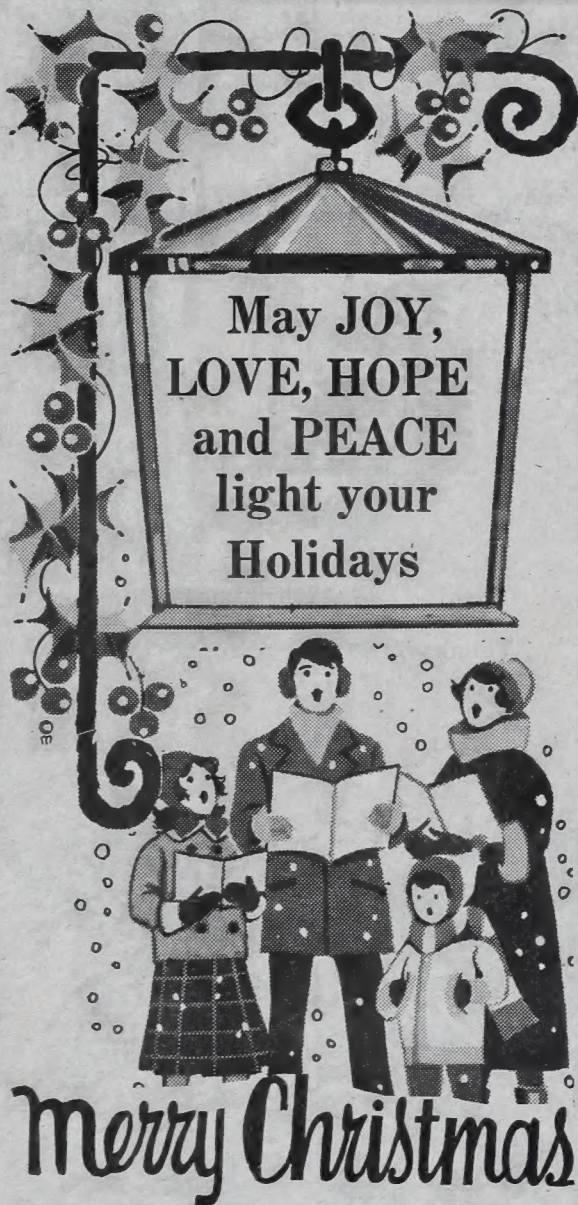
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## Merry Christmas

### SILENT NIGHT



O Holy Child, be remembered in our hopes and in our hearts this Christmas!

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## Christmas is caring giving and sharing

Christmas is turkey with cranberry sauce, presents and caring for people we love.

Giving and sharing what we have with the family and neighbours we have.

Christmas is here, the perfect time of year for sleigh riding, skating and the snowmobile.

Tracey Bull  
7B

## Mistletoe

Mistletoe hangs but once a year,  
When it does it brings good cheer.

Mistletoe hangs up high like diamonds in the sky.  
Mistletoe, mistletoe, do hang low.

So all can see you through the snow.

Come walk under and be true,  
So the one you love can kiss you.

Alma Hannon  
7B



Jeffrey and Chad Petney meet Santa

## Santa prepares for a long night

Santa was a jolly, good looking, old fellow,  
Who smoke a pipe and made his teeth turn yellow.  
He brushed his teeth almost every day  
With Topal, and the old fashioned way.

Then he went to work of cleaning the house,  
Taking with tweezers the tiny wee mouse.  
The next little job was to put up the tree,  
As he went to the store and bought one for \$5.33.

It was Christmas Eve so he packed all the presents,  
As for one child, he wanted 3 or 4 pheasants.  
This large task took him one whole hour,  
So next on the list was to take a shower.

The night of the journey finally came  
So he called all the reindeer name by name.

Dasher, Dancer, Prancer and Vixen  
Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen.

He was finally off into the crisp, clean air,  
Because as for flying there was no fare.  
He arrived at one house in the middle of the night  
So he looked in the window and there was no light.

Santa was freezing right to the bone,  
So it was near time to turn back home.  
He wrapped himself in a cloth real tight  
As that was the end of Christmas night.

Christmas comes only once a year  
But every child knows when it is near.

Kelly Youngdale  
8C

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Christmas  
Blessings



We pray that joy will be yours.

The Management & Staff of

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# The day after Christmas... be careful who you invite

T'was the day after Christmas  
And all through my lot,  
Children were playing  
With toys Santa brought.

Video games  
Were handled with care,  
In hopes to save money  
On costly repair.

Children were playing  
With Tonka trucks.  
Others were washing  
With their rubber ducks.

Mother in a frantic,  
Me nice and calm,  
And the children made  
noise  
Like the war of Vietnam.

From the bedroom  
There came such a clatter,  
I sprang from the kitchen  
To see what was the matter.

I undid the lock  
And opened the door.  
Out of the room  
There came a big  
"ROAR!"

In the bed was  
My oldest son,  
Trying to stay asleep  
Despite what the children  
had done.

I looked in the livingroom  
And what should I see,  
Many young children  
Dancing with glee.

The numbers of children  
Got bigger and bigger.  
In the middle of the crowd  
Was a breakdance jigger.

He was doing the backspin,  
The wave and the worm.  
He was good at the wind-  
mill  
And boy could he squirm.

They sprayed my house

With a purplish foam.  
I got so mad  
That I sent them all home.

Christmas is a time  
For giving and joys.  
Be careful who you invite  
over  
They might break your  
toys.

Travis Powers  
8C

## Christmas is here... and gone so soon

Eyes glowing  
Children throwing memories  
of Christmas past and  
wishes of Christmas future.  
Carols carelessly ringing,  
Wishing their feeling could  
be never-ending.

Children merrily shout,  
"Christmas is here,  
Christmas is here!"

Frosty windows,  
Glowing Christmas lights  
Shining through the falling  
snow.

Christmas is here!  
Christmas is here!

Cherry cheeks flowing  
through the busy streets.

The Christmas spirit flow-  
ing  
Through streets, towns,  
Warming hearts of family  
and friends.

Love conquers all  
Evil in the World...  
...there is Peace.

Christmas is here!  
Christmas is here!

No more busy streets  
No more cheerful carols,  
The spirit is gone.

Christmas isn't here  
Christmas isn't here  
People hoping for next  
year's Christmas cheer.

Liz Barr  
8C



Angela Fearrey

'The Christmas spirit warming hearts'

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holiday season to you  
and yours!

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# Icicles decorated the first Christmas tree

The earth was all a sloppy brown  
When suddenly some snow  
fell down.  
Swirling through the air it  
came  
Landing on an evergreen.  
Icicles hanging from the  
tree  
Looking beautiful for all to  
see  
This was the very first  
Christmas tree.

Kristen Creelman  
7A

## 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

On the first day of Christmas my true love sent to me, one pair of dirty socks.  
On the second day of Christmas my true love sent to me two dead bouquets.  
On the third day of Christmas my true love sent to me

three worn-out shirts.  
On the fourth day of Christmas my true love sent to me four purple hair dyes.  
On the fifth day of Christmas my true love sent to me five green frogs.  
On the sixth day of Christmas my true love sent to me six mossy candies.  
On the seventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me seven green lip glosses.  
On the eighth day of Christmas my true love sent to me eight cheap rings.  
On the ninth day of Christmas my true love sent to me nine purple jeans.  
On the tenth day of Christmas my true love sent to me ten army boots.  
On the eleventh day Christmas my true love sent to me eleven mis-matched earrings.  
On the twelfth day of

Christmas my true love sent to me twelve tarnished necklaces.

Sarah Parish  
7A

## CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a time for giving,  
A time for cheer and joy,  
A time for the family gathering  
Of the loved ones you enjoy.

Karen Chatterton  
7A

## SARA THE STOCKING

Hi, I'm Sara the stocking.  
I get hung up every Christmas to be filled with candy and stuffed toys. I get put over the fireplace so I get covered with ashes

when Santa goes down the chimney. I get taken down with the other decorations. I get stuffed into a box and thrown away into the garbage. Another stocking is made to replace me. Then I get thrown into the dump to get burned up.

Joanna Casey  
4B

## THE CANDY CANE

I'd like to be a candy cane. It would be fun hanging on a tree just like other decorations. They'd like me on the tree. Then I could see Santa Claus and the reindeer and all the toys. Then I could drive in the trucks and cars. It would be fun being a candy cane.

Trevor Aldrich  
4A

## THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'Twas the week before Christmas,  
And all through the town,  
All the children were sitting in school with a frown.  
The teacher was talking,  
The kids were just mocking.

The fed-up teacher was becoming very frustrated,  
'Cause the kids were just thinking of things unrelated.  
When finally the bell rang,  
What he heard was a big "CLANG".  
For his head was so sore,  
He could stand it no more!  
He was so glad when day was finally done,  
Because he could go home and have lots of fun.  
Because everyone likes

Christmas, you know  
Even teachers, 'cause they can go home and mentally grow.

Gerald Morrison  
8C

## THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Once upon a time I was a tree like no other tree. I could talk. One day I was having some fun and then I saw snowflakes were falling. A couple of days later a man said he was going to chop me down. I wished I could stay on this beautiful piece of land. That night I prayed and God spoke and said "You may stay and be in peace." I never saw the man again.

Jason Redner  
4B

## Glad Tidings



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is filled with Joy  
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## Christmas more than just Santa

Santa, the magical man that brings those beautiful gifts on Christmas eve.

Has Jolly Saint Nick taken the real meaning of Christmas to his secret lair in the north?

Have those wonderful gifts brought the children to believe that Christmas is just a time for receiving gifts? Everyone likes to get gifts on Christmas but please try to remember the religious point of Christmas and rejoice in the name of the Lord. So remember that Christ was born for us.

Dalton Beachli  
8C

## A perfect season

Carolers singing at your door.  
Helping people who are poor.  
Roudy kids playing on the floor.  
In their dreams the presents soar.  
Snow's on the ground but we want more.  
Time for the Christmas sales at stores.  
Most of us are waiting at the door.  
A perfect season to care for.  
Santa's coming and he'll score!

Dave Foir  
7B



Katie Laporte and Matthew Selbie

## Christmas is...

Snowy, cold and Christmas weather,  
Shoppers scurry and spend forever.  
Children decorate and sing,  
People celebrate the king.

The tree is trimmed and presents ready,  
Kids are sleeping with their teddy.  
Life is young and filled with laughter,  
Joyous fun the morning after.

Christmas, Christmas,  
what a time,  
All is sweet and filled with rhyme.  
Icicles and Christmas lights,  
Busy streets and starry nights.

Christmas is the time of year,  
To share with all your friends and hear,  
The church bells as they chime and ring,  
To help us celebrate the king.

Terri-Lynn Barry  
8C

## How Santa's calculator helped him find out the number of good children

"Ho, ho, ho. Christmas time again and all my little elves are working, working. I'm going to sleep".  
Ring! Ring!  
"What? Oh no! I have

to get to work. Elves bring me that computer. Go plug it in. Thank you".  
"Well, good morning. This is Harvey the computer speaking. I am going

to find out how many children are good. Here I go.  $1,000 + 20,000 + 100 + 30,000$  equals 51,000. Whoops, I added in 20 children who are bad and

this computer does not subtract. Elves bring me a calculator. Here you go.  $51,100 - 20$  equals 51,080. There, I am done my work.

Christopher Crane

## Winter means ...

Winter is snowing  
Winter is sliding down the slippery hill  
Winter is making snowmen  
Winter is skating on the shiny ice  
Winter is skiing on the soft sparkling snow  
Winter means Christmas is coming soon.

Marcia Sine  
7A

**Merry Christmas**

An old-fashioned Christmas greeting for you on our favorite holiday.

From the Management and Staff of  
THE INSIDE EDGE & VIDEO STOP  
Haliburton

**CHRISTMAS JOY**

Christmas joy to all!

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Haliburton

**Greetings**

It's always a pleasure to say, "Season's best!"

The Management and Staff of  
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Haliburton, Ontario

**Christmas Blessings**

To you and yours at Christmas time!

The Management and Staff of  
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# Christmas: a time for caring and loving

Christmas is a time for caring and loving. For being with relatives and giving gifts. Christmas is a time to be happy and joyful. To have fun with those you love.

And that is what the time of Christmas means to me.

**Julie Vanderhorst,**  
7B

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Christmas Eve, Christmas Eve,  
I wonder what Santa has up his sleeve.

A toy for Tommy, a toy for me,  
Maybe a boat to sail the sea.

Cookies and milk for Santa tonight,  
To fill his tummy with delight.

Bulging our stockings with good stuff,

Maybe a toy for my dog Muff.

A ball for my cat Sprinkle,  
Give him one that twinkles.

Mom wants a new jewel,  
And Dad wants a new set of tools.

Santa must go to another place,  
To see another new happy face.

**Angle Waugh**  
8C

## CHRISTMAS EVE

T'was the night before Christmas  
When all through the house  
Santa Claus was coming  
All by himself.

With a sack full of toys  
From him and his elves,

Which they made from the tools  
They found on the shelves.

He put all the presents  
Under the tree,  
Some for my sister  
And some for me.

Before he left he glanced  
Round the room,  
And found some cookies  
and milk  
By the light of the moon.

As I looked out the window  
T'was a sad sight to see,

Santa and his reindeer  
Were about to leave.

**Lianne Scheffee**  
**Shelley Pockett**  
7B

## CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a time for giving.

Christmas is a time for thanks.

Christmas is a time when children are happy.

Christmas is a time when Jesus Christ, our saviour, was born.

**Colin Finlay**  
**and Dustin Twain**  
7B

## SANTA GOES SLOWER THIS CHRISTMAS EVE

Santa, don't hitch your reindeer fast,  
We've got to make this Christmas last.

To see the joy, love and peace,  
Bring happiness throughout our lease.

The toys and gifts that you may bring,  
Give joy to our hearts and make us sing.

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## Greetings of the Season



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# Christmas customs differ around the world

Most of our Christmas customs are a gift brought from other countries, so there is much to be learned about the Christmas spirit by visiting them.

**In North America**  
Our journey begins in

Canada. In passing through this country's contrasting regions, we find Christmas celebrations vary from the folkloric dances of the Inuit, to French and British carols, trees embellished with

candles, gifts and a wine-soaked yule log.

Southbound, in that "land of the posadas," Mexico, families gather for nine consecutive nights to re-enact the first Christmas. This ceremony of drama, song and prayer is followed by blindfolded children breaking a pinata. What a scramble to pick up the fallen pieces of trinkets and sweets!

Continuing south, we discover many countries have adopted the posada custom. South American children also put notes beside the manger for the good angels to take up to Jesus.

Upon seeing festivities from sunrise to sunset, highlighted by horse racing and Indian dances, you'll know you're in Chile.

The reason is ripe, and so, Bolivians celebrate their harvest festival along with Christmas.

## In Europe

It was in Germany that trees and toys first became a part of the holiday. All the family waits until six o'clock on Christmas Eve for Mother to unveil the hidden tree, decorated not only with lights and ornaments, but tasty treats.

On December 6th, Austria's opening of the season

is greeted with a visit from "knecht Ruprecht", leaving small gifts and sweets for the good or a switch for

for the good or a switch for the others. Highlighting an Austrian Christmas is the procession to midnight mass, with lighted candles, singing Austria's own carol, "Silent Night".

## In Africa

Christmas has long been an important occasion in Ethiopia. Following the old calendar, it occurs January 6th. On Christmas Eve, people pray and chant outside the church until dawn. At 4 a.m., priests lead the

people into church services. Christmas day is celebrated with gifts for children, dancing and feasting.

In Ghana, the advent season begins four Sundays before Christmas, and refers to Christ's coming. One can only admire the homes adorned with flowers and palm branches, and candle-filled palm trees!

## In Asia

Although in recent years it has gained significance, Christmas is not a grand scale holiday in Asia, except for Japan. Commercial stores have fostered many customs such as

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## 'Try to remember the meaning'

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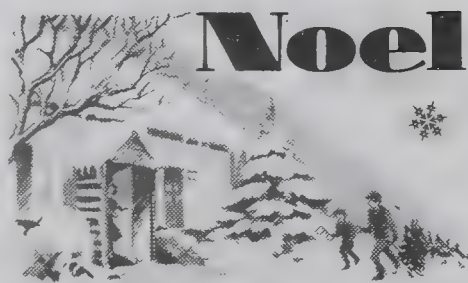
But the real truth behind the gifts that you come bearing,  
Is peace, love and truthful caring.

So just remember, when you get in your sleigh,

That Christmas isn't just gifts, fun and play.

It's the peace and joy that bring us together,  
Under one roof forever.

Kerry Martin  
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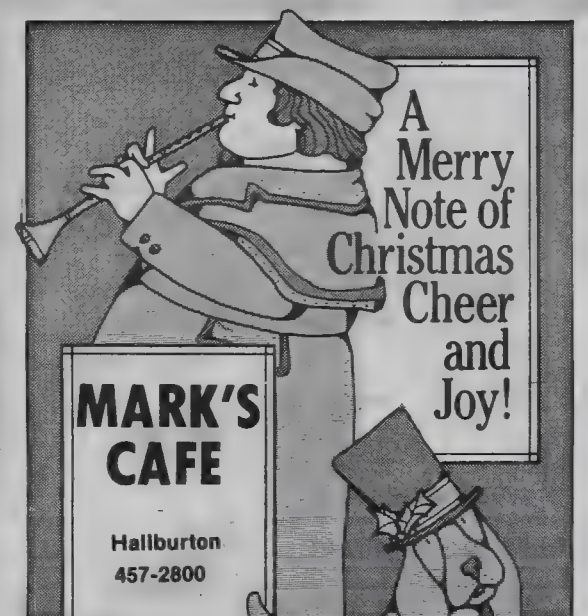


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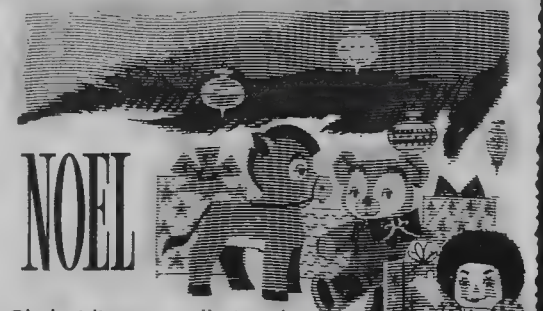
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# Christmas spirit is many things

The spirit of Christmas -- it is so many little things. Despite the commercialization of the season, we can still experience the true meaning of Christmas all around us.

It is receiving a greeting from someone thousands of miles away...just a card, but a warm reminder that friendship is one of the most precious gifts of all. It is young voices raised in song at a convalescent home for the aged...with

those wrinkled smiles and moist eyes conveying more than words ever could how appreciative the listeners are.

It is baskets of food and toys for the less fortunate of the community, lovingly put together by those eager to share of their abundance.

It is being surprised by a neighbour with a batch of her home-made cookies.

It is the hours spent looking for that special gift for someone on your list -- not an expensive gift, but just what he or she has always wanted.

It is receiving a hand-made sweater or scarf, reflecting the hours of love and time spent in its creation.

It is the fact of a child, listening wide-eyed to Mom or Dad reading a favorite Christmas story.

It is the gratitude in a shut-in's eyes, when visitors come to call during the holiday season.

It is the cheery "Merry Christmas!" called out by the busy service station attendant or grocery clerk.

It is the spectacular display of lights on homes on the block, placed for neighbours and passers-by to enjoy.

Christmas is sharing...caring...giving. It is, simply, the spirit of love.

## Customs

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gift exchanging and turkey dinner. Similar to Santa is "Hoteiosho", believed to have eyes in the back of his head.

In Bethlehem where it all began, Christmas is purely a religious ceremony, not encompassing the festive spirit found in other countries. Not much change can be seen in this Judean town, which helps our imagination to visualize life in Christ's time.

### In Australia

If you're not dreaming of a white Christmas, then book your reservation for Australia! Here, people head for the beach or park on this usually hot day, which is followed by Boxing Day.



Kelly Ketner

*'The banners were hung by the streetlights with care'*

## The week before

'Twas the week before Christmas and all through our town, Everyone was running around and around. The banners were hung by the streetlight with care, hoping to give pleasure to the visitors there.

When out on the street there arose such a clatter we ran from Stedmans to see what was the matter. When what to our wondering eyes did appear, Bob and Doug Mackenzie holding a bottle of beer, pulled by a sleigh of tiny reindeer. They did doughnuts on the main street, barely missing both our feet.

The police came and charged them for not driving with care;

When they got to Lindsay they were charged with impaired.

Drinking and driving is a crime.

When caught, you'll hear more than Christmas bells chime.

Richard Craftchick and  
Jeff Emmerson  
8C

## Harvey the elf

I am an elf. My name is Harvey Wallbanger. I work with Santa and his reindeer in the North Pole. I make toys for little kids. Right now I am working hard because Christmas is December 25, 1984. I am making a train for you. Ho, ho, ho! Bye. I have to go.  
Derek Rowden  
4B



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# Was the star of Bethlehem really a comet?

"Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright..."

Ever since the first Christmas, the star that lead the Wise Men to where the Infant Jesus lay has been the object of conjecture and wonder.

Unfortunately, the only reference to the star in Matthew's Gospel offers no explanation for the phenomenon: "And behold, the star that they had seen in the East went before them, until it came and stood over the place where the child was."

Thus it is that scientists and biblical scholars alike have been free to speculate

about various theories, ranging from the supernatural to logical explanations.

One theory is that the star was actually a comet; yet another asserts that the star was probably a supernova, a star that suddenly takes on spectacular brilliance.

There is still another theory that the star was actually a conjunction of planets. According to astronomical studies, there were three conjunctions of Jupiter and Saturn in the year 7 B.C. There were also major conjunctions of planets between 3 and 2 B.C., claim other studies. The 17th-century astronomer

Kepler calculated that Mars, Saturn and Jupiter had been in conjunction around the time of Christ's birth.

On supernatural theory holds that the star was not physically manifested, but rather visible to only those who were privileged to the events of the Nativity. Others believe that God placed the star in the heavens expressly as a sign for a brief period of time. Interestingly enough, this ties in with one scientific possibility: a new star, or a temporary star. Such stars have been observed from time to time; in fact, Hip-

parchus is believed to have discovered a brilliant star where none had been seen before in the year 134 B.C. Could this have been the Star of Bethlehem?

Aside from being a beacon to the Magi, the star also fulfills an important prophecy regarding the Messiah.

The Book of Numbers foretold "There shall come a Star out of Jacob."

Whatever explanation seems most plausible, Christians have always attached great significance to the star's appearance.

There have been many songs written about the

Star of Bethlehem and certainly no Christmas tree would be complete without its star shining atop.

The Star of Bethlehem is a wondrous part of the still more wondrous Nativity story; its brilliance has come to symbolize for us the miracle that is Christmas.

## 'La Befana', not Santa, delivers gifts

Italian children have to wait until the Feast of the Epiphany, on January 6th, to receive their gifts.

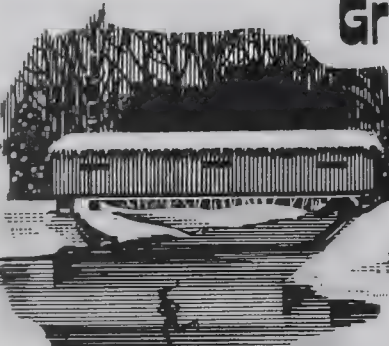
Instead of a visit from Santa Claus, children in Italy are visited by La

Befana at that time.

Something of a witch, La Befana had the misfortune of not being able to find the Christ Child on the first Christmas, even though she had been told

all about the star of Bethlehem by the shepherds. It seems that she waited too long and missed the star, and ever after she has wandered in search of the

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**Greetings  
of the  
Season**

May your holidays be merry and overflowing with the good things in life!

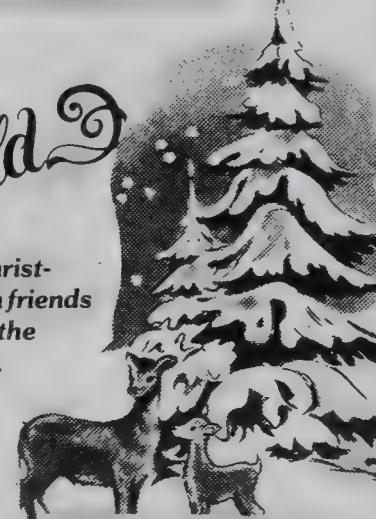
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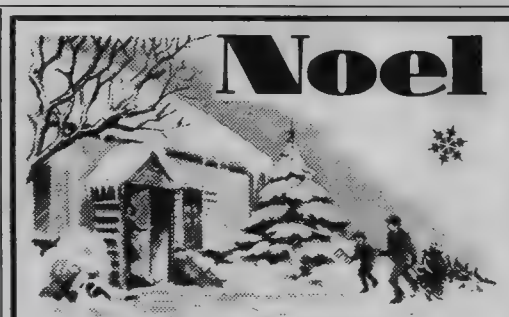
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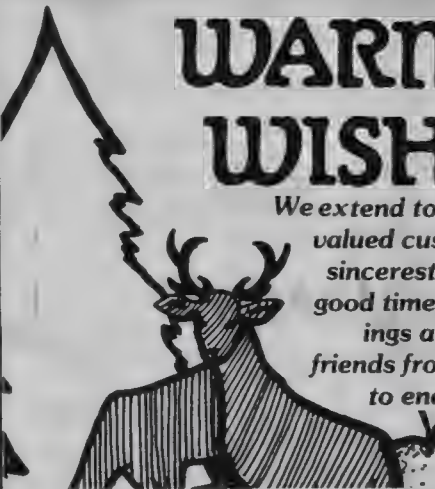
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How like the serenity of a silent, snow-clad woodland, is the peace that comes to the heart that finds the true meaning of Christmas.

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# The literature of Christmas takes many forms

Just as music and decorations add to the merriment of the holiday season, so the literature of Christmas enriches its meaning for all of us.

Fortunately for readers, Christmas has inspired

## Italian traditions

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Baby Jesus at Christmas time.

She leaves gifts at each house in Italy, in hopes that the Christ child may be sheltered there.

many a wonderful poem or story.

Perhaps the most famous story of all is A Christmas Carol written by England's Charles Dickens in 1843. Is there any one among us who has not been fascinated by Old Scrooge and his miserly ways...or been touched by the pathetic figure of Tiny Tim? This beloved tale has inspired plays, musicals and motion pictures, not to mention generations of readers!

English poets, too, have been inspired by the nativity or its celebration. Ten-

nyson, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, and John Milton are among those whose poetry sings of the season.

Here in America, the most famous Christmas poem of all was written for the entertainment of some youngsters, the children of Dr. Clement Clarke Moore, a professor of divinity.

In this poem, entitled the Visit of St. Nicholas, Dr. Moore described the activities of Santa Claus on Christmas Eve and old Santa himself. Today, our conception of Santa is derived to a great extent from

his description: "His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry!...He had a broad face and a little round belly, that shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly." With such a delightful portrait; no wonder youngsters and adults alike took Dr. Moore's poem to heart.

### Marmee's Girls

In her popular novel, Little Women, Louisa May Alcott gave us a charming glimpse of Christmas among impoverished but genteel society. The March girls - Jo, Amy, Beth and

Meg - have pitiful funds, yet they conspire to shower their beloved "Marmee" with thoughtful little gifts: slippers, a hankie, cologne and gloves. She in turn, is only able to give each of her girls a small book. Yet, the reader basks in the warmth that these beloved characters evoke.

Denmark's Hans Christian Andersen has written several tales with Christmas themes and they are justifiably cherished in world literature. Who can forget the story of The Little Match Girl...or The

Little Fir Tree? Each story has that ability to touch our heartstrings, no matter how often read.

In more modern times, another American, William Sidney Porter, was to pen a classic story that has come to epitomize the spirit of Christmas itself: The Gift of the Magi. Writing under the name of O. Henry, Porter told the bittersweet tale of a young couple, Della and Jim. Although lacking in material goods, they have an abundance of that most precious gift of

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## JOY TO ALL

Wrapping up best wishes of the season for you & yours!

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## Christmas Wishes

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And thanks  
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## HOLIDAY GREETINGS



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## A famous editorial

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all, the gift of love.

### Famed Editorial

Not all the literature of Christmas is to be found in stories or poems. An editorial, written to a young inquirer is probably one of the best-known "works" that is quoted each holiday season. When an editor of the New York Sun published his answer to Virginia O'Hanlan on September 21, 1897, he laid to rest once

and for all the question, "Is there a Santa Claus?" That editorial has been reprinted countless times since then, and it never fails to inspire.

St. Matthew wrote the first account of the Wise Men bringing their gifts to the infant; St. Luke first described the astonished shepherds in the field near Bethlehem. Of all those who have written about Christmas, these two authors must surely be the most widely read of all!

## Make wise choices when selecting toys

Awareness on the part of holiday buyers can help eliminate needless accidents with flimsy or poorly constructed toys. These guidelines will help responsible Christmas shoppers make safe selections:

Be sure the toy is suitable to the child's age, and ability and that the instructions are easy to follow.

Toys that release small objects if broken are dangerous. Tiny toys or dolls with button eyes, or pieces that can come loose easily,

should be avoided as gifts for younger children. A small child could choke on any of these.

Be on the alert for sharp edges and corners or pointed objects.

Small fingers could be trapped in small, tight spaces. Check for these.

Most toys, games and dolls are packaged by the time they reach the store. Examine the open sample carefully before making your selection. You'll be happy you did!

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Jesse Lougheed

Let happiness and goodwill abound during this joyous holiday

# Christmas in Ontario has grown more festive

In Upper Canada in the 1850's when the legend of Santa Claus (alias Saint Nicholas, Father Christmas and Kris Kringle) began to grow in popularity, considerable speculation surrounded his means of transportation. Quick, young minds sought solutions to the obvious difficulty of visiting so many homes in so short a period of time Christmas Eve.

According to the recently published Canadian Christmas Book by Caroline Carver, the debate focussed on a number of possibilities, among them that Santa arrived (a) on snowshoes, (b) a crossing the St. Lawrence on a whale, (c) riding in sled pulled by reindeer, and finally (d) riding on the back of a giant-sized turkey. As Caroline said: "On Dasher, on Dancer, on Prancer, on Turkey..." It's easy to understand why the reindeer theme won wide acceptance and it certainly has withstood the test of time.

During this year, in celebration of the province's 200th anniversary since major settlement, hundreds of municipalities planned thousands of events and many of them focussed on Ontario's rich and diverse

heritage. At Christmas, it's fun to look at how the season was celebrated a century or more ago and to learn where some of the traditions we enjoy today have their roots.

Christmas in the mid-19th century was more festive than it was 75 years earlier. In 1784, when United Empire Loyalists began settling the territory which eventually became Ontario, Christmas was likely a somber occasion. Having sought freedom in

the Christmas traditions we know today began to take root.

According to Catharine Parr Trail, who arrived in Canada in 1832 and who wrote The Canadian Settler's Guide, people here did not observe the occasion as had been the custom in England. She wrote: "When I first came to Canada, I was much surprised at the cold indifference which most people showed in their observance of Christmas Day - with the

## Did Santa ride a whale across the St. Lawrence?

Canada from persecution in the United States following the American Revolution, those early pioneers had little of material value; a few clothes, almost no food and inadequate shelter. They huddled along the shores of the St. Lawrence and Niagara Rivers fighting for survival and no doubt praying for better days ahead.

Better days did come. Settlements and settlers prospered. Many more people came to make their homes here and gradually

exception of the few residing English families, the church was scantily attended. For in those days, there was no dressing of the houses or churches with evergreens as is now so generally the custom...But while the nativity of our Lord was little regarded, all its honour and glory was conferred on the New Year's day."

The religious Christmas day was celebrated by Anglicans, Catholics and German Lutherans then. Those  
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## Merry Christmas

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# Snatching raisins from bowl a popular game

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of Scottish descent, who were mainly Presbyterian, made New Year's day a festival.

That year Catharine set out to decorate the home where she was a guest as she would have done in England.

Evergreen boughs were draped over doors and picture frames and along mantles. In the absence of holly, Catharine used cranberry boughs. The cranberry bushes were plentiful in the Upper Canada bogs common to the mid-1800's countryside. Of particular delight to young people was the practice of fashioning a kissing bough from evergreens which was hung in a convenient passage. Under the bough a lady could not refuse a kiss.

Catharine's Christmas activities at first amused

her host and hostess but, before long, they became accepted traditions of the season.

Christmas trees had long been a favorite German tradition before the idea spread to England during Queen Victoria's reign. The Royal family set up trees for their own children and the practice became popular throughout England when an engraving of the Queen and Prince Albert standing next to a tree was published in The Illustrated London News in 1848.

Upper Canada's German population introduced the Christmas tree here and, strengthened by the additional influence of British acceptance of the custom, the Christmas tree began to be used in Canada by the mid-century.

Tree decorations included garlands of popcorn and

cranberries, decorated cookies, handmade shapes such as cornucopias and drums and small hand-made toys, tufts of colored fleece and dried apple slices. The apple slices were tasty treats for the children on Christmas day. Tapered candles completed the tree decorations; however, these were carefully placed and were lit for only a few minutes at a time. Fire was such a constant threat that, as a caution, buckets of water were kept near the tree.

Glass decorations did not become popular until the late 1800's.

Gift-giving entered the celebrations in the middle of the century, but was usually reserved for the children. Practical gifts such as home-made mittens and sock were most common, but occasionally, a cornhusk doll or a small,

whittled toy could be found hanging from the branches of the Christmas tree. As consumer products and more money became available, store-bought gifts replaced the home-made ones. A store in Picton advertised lead toys, marbles, musical workmen, toy dogs, horses and rabbits, mouth harps, boats, chairs and Noah's Arks.

Christmas became an official holiday in Canada in 1849. Christmas cards imported from England gained popularity in the 1860's, and Canadian printers offered their own on the market in the 1870's.

As with all the other traditions, the Christmas feasting we enjoy today evolved over the decades as more food became available and imports were easier to obtain. Catharine Parr

Trail feasted on goose fattened on the rice beds of ponds and rivers. She wrote that turkeys were found only on old, cleared farms and that beef was only available when an ox was slaughtered to save it from a natural death.

By the second half of the century, however, turkey was a popular Christmas repast. Plum pudding, ablaze with burning brandy and mincemeat pie, nuts and imported fruits completed the feast. In the isolated parts of the province none of these delicacies could be easily obtained, except perhaps for a few oranges. One man who remembered fondly the Christmas pudding of his past attempted to create one in the midst of the Upper Canada wilderness but lamented that without the proper ingredients, "even though we ate it, it

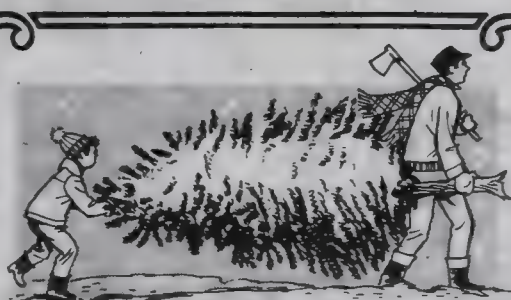
was awful".

After the meal, children and adults would gather in the parlor to play chess, backgammon, whist, Blind-man's Buff and Queen of Sheba. This last was a game in which the prettiest girl in the room was seated in a chair. Young men were blindfolded and had to find their way to her to steal a kiss. When success was near, an aged relative was substituted for the young girl. This game delighted Victorians. Another game which was particularly popular was Snapdragon. Raisins and currants were placed in a large bowl filled with brandy which was set afire. The object of the game was to snatch the raisins out of the bowl and pop them into the mouth without burning the fingers.



Loads of good luck and good cheer to everyone!

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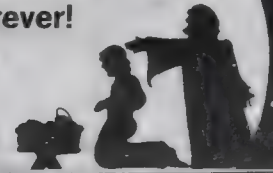


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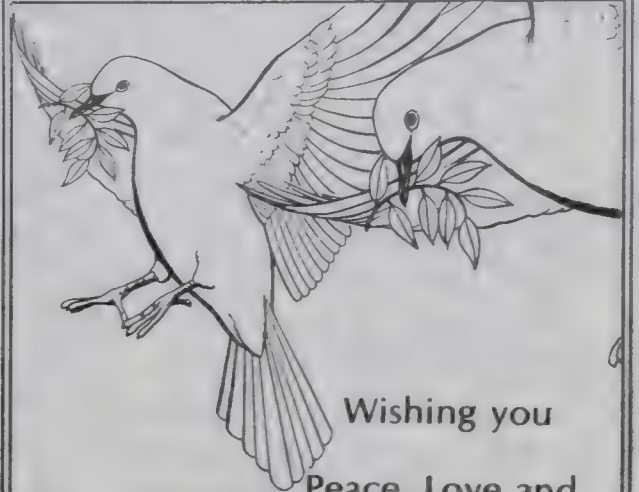
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## How to use that leftover turkey

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**Easy Turkey Loaf**  
6 cups turkey finely

chopped  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
1/2 cup chopped green pepper  
1/2 cup fine dry bread crumbs  
1 cup mayonnaise  
1/2 cup chili sauce  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon pepper  
Combine all ingredients, mix well. Turn into greased

loaf pan - 9"X5"X3". Bake at 350 degrees for half hour or until lightly browned. Serve plain or with your favorite tomato sauce. 8 portions.

**Crunchy Company Casserole**

3 cups diced cooked turkey  
2 hard cooked eggs coarsely chopped

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We hope your Christmas is filled with Joy

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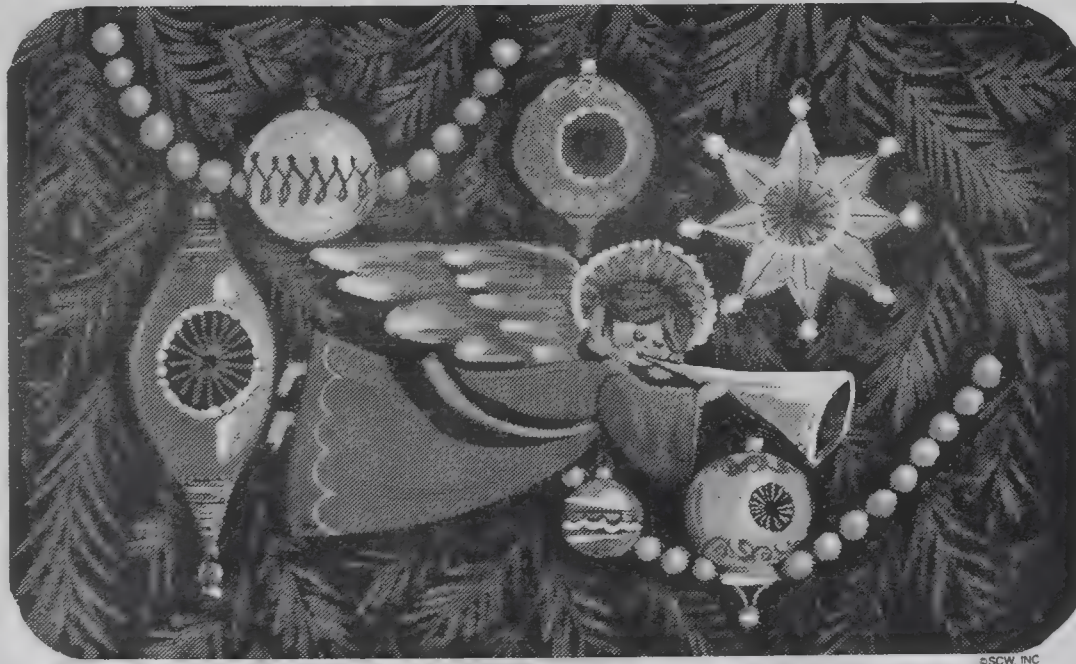


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# 'Nutcracker Suite' synonymous with Christmas season

For many, the holiday season would not be complete without enjoying a

performance of the Nutcracker Suite. This popular ballet has

come to be synonymous with Christmas, due to its holiday setting and beauti-

ful music. Based on a story by E.T.A. Hoffmann, the ballet is probably Peter

Ilyich Tchaikovsky's most beloved work. Each holiday season finds ballet groups, both amateur and professional, presenting it anew for the delight of youngsters and adults alike.

delightful assortment of characters.

There are exotic Arabian dancers, quaint Chinese performers and exciting Russian dancers among others, all in colorful attire.

Finally, there is a spectacular dance by lovely flowers, known as the "Waltz of the Flowers". As the flowers dance to the familiar, lilting music for the entranced young heroine and her handsome prince, it is easy to see that this ballet has truly captured the wonder and fancy of childhood for all to enjoy, regardless of age.

The story is simple, yet fanciful one; a little girl is presented with a nutcracker at Christmas time. She dreams that the nutcracker comes to life in the person of a handsome prince who leads the toys to battle against an army of mice.

He then takes the girl off to Arabia, where she is entertained with dances by the Sugarplum Fairy and a

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## Dress up leftover turkey with recipe ideas

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¾ cup diced celery  
1 tablespoon chopped onion  
1 - 4 oz. can sliced mushrooms  
½ cup blanched almond slivers  
¾ cup mayonnaise  
1 - 10½ oz. can cream of chicken soup.  
Crushed potato chips or chow mein noodles  
Mix first six ingredients

together. Stir Mayonnaise and soup together; toss into turkey mixture. Turn into 2 quart casserole and sprinkle with noodles or potato chips. Bake in 350 degree oven for half hour or 'til dish is bubbly. 6 hearty portions.

### Turkey Filled Potato Boats

Scoop out baked potatoes

leaving ¼ inch shell, using half a large potato per portion. Mash and season scooped potato pulp and set aside. Heat diced turkey in cream sauce. (Use your judgement as to amount of sauce according to quantity of turkey you are using.) Fill scooped potato shells with turkey mixture. Fill pastry tube with mashed potato mix and squeeze to

form a border around each potato boat. Bake in 400 degree oven until brown.

This is a great dish for youngsters since it is easy to manage and doesn't need any cutting up. Try a little grated cheese over the top of each boat before putting in the oven, for extra zip.

## Glad Tidings

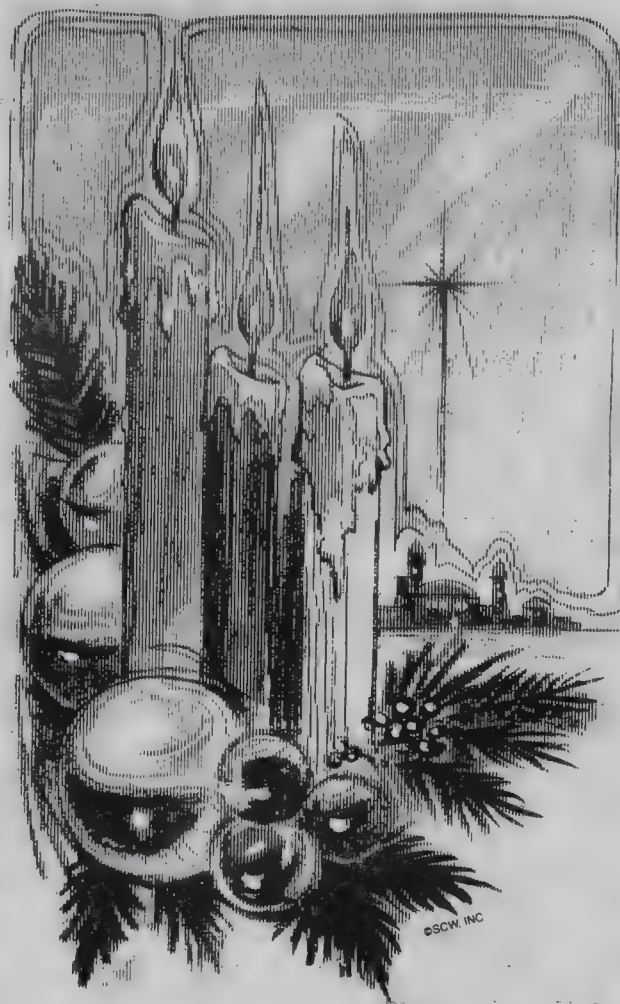


May the peace of that blessed night be with you and yours. We're wishing you much joy!

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# 'The children were nestled snug in their beds'

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;

## Nutcracker

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The Nutcracker Suite was first performed in 1892, and it has been delighting generations of ballet-lovers, young and old, ever since.

Tchaikovsky wrote many symphonies, concertos and overtures, but probably no single work of his is as popular as this Christmas classic.

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there. The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;

And Mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap. When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash,

Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash. The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow Gave a lustre of mid-day to objects below, When, what to my wondering eyes did appear, but a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick More rapid than eagles his courses they came, And he whisted, and shouted, and called them

by name. "Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen! To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall! Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky, So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, From his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot; A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath; He had a broad face and a little round belly, That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

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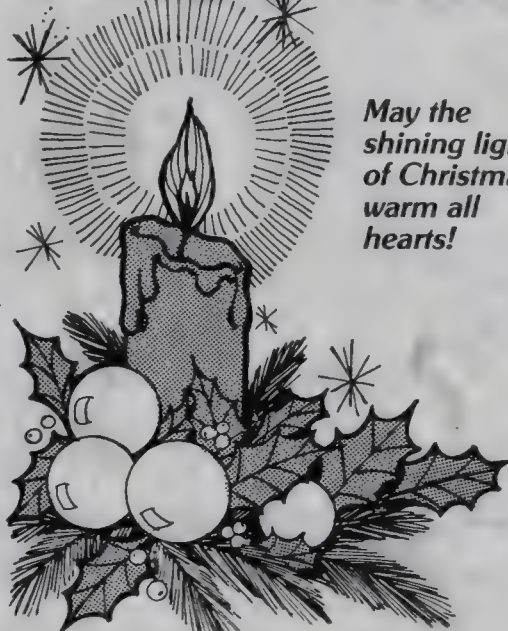
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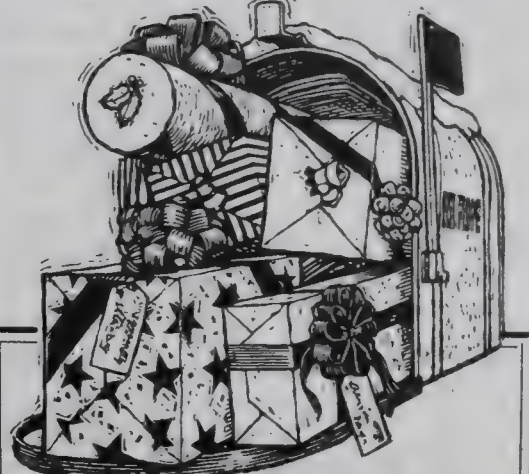
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*May the shining lights of Christmas warm all hearts!*

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Joey Smith with Santa

## This cookie house is easy to make

Christmas is the ideal time for family projects like baking a cookie house but if you don't have either the time or inclination to bake, you can still make a charming cookie house by simply using graham crackers and cake decorations.

To make this cookie house, you'll need around 17 graham cracker units (each made up of 2 squares) a small tube of decorating gel, a small bottle of cinnamonhots, about ½ box of powdered sugar, a can of coconut flakes and a small box of caramel popcorn.

Have the youngsters decorate the crackers to be used for the sides and front and back of the house with doors and windows, using the gel and cinnamonhots. (You'll need two units for the front and back, three for the sides.)

Make a paste of the powdered sugar by adding water and then carefully join the squares together to create a standing structure of front, back, and sides. Join three undecorated units together to form each side of what will eventually be the roof. Next, join the two roofing sides together at right angles before setting them on top of the standing structure. Make sure "roofing" is secure before setting it in place.

To fill the space left between the roof and front of the house, cut a small rectangular piece of cracker

and join it to the roof and front with your paste, fill in the rest of the space with caramel popcorn, again using the paste as a mortar. Repeat procedure for back of the house.

Dribble paste generously over the roof, then sprinkle coconut flakes for a snow-topped effect.

The youngsters will enjoy having this "instant" cookie house to admire, - especially if they've helped to make it - and they'll enjoy eating it later on!

### A jolly old elf

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He was chubby and plump,  
a right jolly old elf,  
And I laughed when I saw him,  
in spite of myself;  
A wink of his eye and a  
twist of his head  
Soon gave me to know I had  
nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but  
went straight to his work,  
and filled all the stockings;  
then turned with a jerk,  
And laying his finger aside  
of his nose,  
And giving a nod, up the  
chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to  
his team gave a whistle,  
And away they all flew like  
the down of a thistle.  
But I heard him exclaim ere  
he drove out of sight,  
"Happy Christmas to all...  
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May the inspiration of this Holy Season bring a new understanding of peace to the hearts of all good men this Christmastime!

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# Timmy and his trumpet: a Christmas story

Timmy loved to play the trumpet. Every day, after school, he would rush home to practice.

Timmy's dream was to play in a band, someday. The trouble was, between practicing and daydreaming about the future, Timmy never paid attention to his schoolwork.

"No more trumpet-playing," said his parents, "until your schoolwork improves." Timmy was broken-hearted. He could not understand what arithmetic and spelling had to do with playing the trumpet, and everyone knew he was going to be a famous trumpet player when he grew up!

But, Timmy's parents were firm, and he was a very unhappy little boy as the weeks passed.

Suddenly, the holidays

were near, and all the boys and girls in Timmy's class were excited about the Christmas play they were going to perform.

Timmy was asked to play an angel. "I don't wanna play no angel," he said.

"You mean an angel," his teacher corrected him. It was just like her, Timmy thought, always finding fault!

On the day of the play, Timmy reluctantly went to school. As he and his classmates were putting on

their costumes, Timmy's teacher called him aside. "I have a surprise for you," she said, handing him a box. Inside was his trumpet.

"I think it would be nice if one of the angels played a trumpet, don't you?" she

smiled.

Timmy could hardly wait for the play to begin now! How proud his parents were as Timmy and the other angels told the shepherds about the Infant Jesus. And, all eyes were on Timmy as he loudly blew

his trumpet!

Afterward, Timmy's teacher thanked him for playing the trumpet so well and doing better in class.

"From now on," a happy Timmy said, "I'm going to do my best in everything!"

## Some tips on how to wrap those special gifts

A gift expresses you as uniquely as the way you sign your name. Your taste, creativity, even your sense of humor combine to make each gift a personal creation.

Wrapping your gifts needn't leave you at loose ends. Here are some basic guidelines for your Christmas wrap-up.

Use a large, flat surface that will hold gift wrap supplies, in an area that you can work in undisturbed. If you have a dining table, use it and try to keep inquisitive prowlers away. Gather paper, ribbons, trims, stickers, double sided tape, scissors and gift tags together before you start.

Before wrapping, cut the paper to the right size. Cut paper wide enough to overlap slightly on girth of package and long enough to overlap again when ends are turned down. Center the gift upside down on cut paper. Turn the overlapping piece under and tape securely. Fasten ends by folding sides in, the top flap

down and the bottom flap up. Secure with tape, seals or gift trim.

For odd shaped items such as tricycles, portable televisions and doll houses, slip them into colored plastic gift bags and dress up with a big bow and candy cane.

For gifts you will be mailing, it is important to

double-wrap. To protect your gift, place it in a larger cardboard box surrounded by crumpled newspaper. An inverted box lid will keep the bow from being crushed. When mailing a small, breakable item place it in a well padded metal tin which can then be placed in a padded cardboard ship-

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# Christmas: a season filled with wonder

Christmas! The season of music and wonder is filled with a powerful kind of magic. A magic that is expressed in many ways... in the merriment of its parties and celebrations, the contentment of hearth and home, the heartwarming tradition of gift giving and receiving, the dazzle and brilliance of its holy meaning.

Excitement grows as each new sign or symbol of this cherished holiday appears. Rehearsals begin for Nativity plays at schools. Christmas cards are addressed and closets are piled high with mysterious packages. Store windows glisten with dazzling displays and forests of fir

and spruce appear on every corner. Parties are planned and tempting delights are cooked and baked. Carolers appear filling the air with lilting holiday tunes and the local community tree is decorated and lit. Finally ornaments are tenderly and nostalgically unpacked, stockings are hung with anticipation. Surely those are sleigh bells jingling faintly in the distance!

The many legends that surround Christmas add to its aura of magic and mystery. If bees can hum psalms, animals speak and cattle kneel in their stables, then surely any miraculous happening is possible! And so the excitement mounts!

This wonderful time of merriment is also one of profound reverence. Churches in cities and country byways hold midnight services to celebrate the humble birth of Christ. It is the season of worship and rejoicing. Set apart by its majesty, mood, and magic, Christmas stands eternally outside time.

As Christmas day approaches it seems that everyone is waiting for something to happen! All are caught up in the spirit of what-might-be. At long last we know what all the preparation and waiting means...the miracle of Christ's birth which hap-

pened almost two thousand years ago, happens again in the hearts of people everywhere!

Christmas is cherished as a religious holiday of unparalleled importance honoring the birth of Jesus Christ, by Christians the world over.

For those of other faiths, this beloved holiday happily expresses universal good will, cheer and the spirit of brotherhood.

## Vienna choir world famous

Each Christmas, music lovers everywhere are enthralled by the angelic sound of the Vienna Boys' Choir, lifted in songs of the season.

Whether performing on television or in one of their world-wide concerts, this talented group of young boys never ceases to delight listeners. And, why not? The group's history includes the "Golden Age" of music in Vienna. Comprised of approximately 100 boys, the Vienna Boys' Choir is actually four separate groups, rotating concerts abroad and at home, so that they are always

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Helen Harris

## Wrapping

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ping box. Wrap the shipping box with decorated parcel post paper and parcel post gift labels. Tie securely with twine or cord, wrapping the twine around the package twice in both directions. Tie twine at each intersection.

Wrap large packages first, then use leftover papers and trims for smaller gifts. Other leftover pieces and scraps can be used for children's crafts, collages



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# Old-fashioned Christmases continued today

This is the time of year when our thoughts travel backward in time, to Christ-

mases of recent memory, or perhaps to Christmases of long ago.

For even though most of us have never celebrated an old-fashioned Christmas,

its memory is lovingly perpetuated through song and art.

## Boys choir has a history dating back to 1498

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available to perform at the Court Chapel in Vienna. It was for this purpose that the choir was originally created by the Emperor Maximilian I in 1498. He decreed that singers be chosen for service at the court, with the state assuming responsibility for

their education, plus their room and board. Since then, the Vienna Boys' Choir has attracted youngsters from throughout Austria, including some illustrious names: Josef Haydn and Franz Schubert, for instance, were members in their youth.

Today, the choir travels

throughout the world and reaches millions through the medium of television, besides. In fact, it would probably amaze the Emperor to see just how far his court singers have traveled from the chapel where they originally performed!

One thing has not chang-

ed since those days, however...the standard of excellence maintained by these young musicians.

Their fresh, young voices are especially welcome as they sing beloved hymns and carols for the whole world to enjoy at Christmas.

"Dashing through the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh," sing youngsters whose only acquaintance with a horse may be through television.

Choirs sing, "God rest ye merry, gentlemen," bringing to mind scenes of Victorian England at Christmastime, when carolers gathered beneath lanterns. Nostalgic Christmas cards recall such scenes to us with fond artistry.

Today's tree glitters with bright baubles, but we speak wistfully of the old-fashioned tree, strung with

popcorn and cranberries, by the children's hands. And, in the good old days, Dad and the youngsters would have chopped down the tree themselves, and brought it triumphantly home on Junior's sled.

In days gone by, the stockings really were hung by the chimney with care - and, in the fireplace, logs would be crackling away with cheery warmth.

The sounds of Christmas was very special in those days. Sleighbells had their own magical music and

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### GREETINGS



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# A tale of books - and Christmas charity

Jo was the first to wake in the gray dawn of Christmas morning. No stockings hung at the fireplace, and

for a moment she felt as much disappointed as she did long ago, when her little sock fell down because

it was so crammed with goodies. Then she remembered her mother's promise, and slipping her hand

under her pillow, drew out a little crimson covered book. She knew it very well, for it was that beauti-

ful old story of the best life ever lived, and Jo felt that it was a true guidebook for any pilgrim going the long journey. She woke Meg with a "Merry Christmas" and bade her see what was under her pillow. A green-covered book appeared, with the same picture inside, and a few words written by their mother, which made their one present very precious in their eyes. Presently Beth and Amy woke, to rummage and find their little books also - one dove coloured, the other blue; and all sat looking at and talking about them while the east grew rosy with the coming day.

"I'm glad mine is blue,"

said Amy; and then the rooms were very still while the pages were softly turned, and the winter sunshine crept in to touch the bright heads and serious faces with a Christmas greeting.

"Where is mother?" asked Meg, as she and Jo ran down to thank her for their gifts, half an hour later.

"Goodness only knows. Some poor creeter came a-beggin', and your ma went straight off to see what was needed. There never was such a women for givin' away vittles and drink, clothes and firin'," replied Hannah, who had lived with the family since Meg

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## Dickens' tales capture the spirit of Christmas

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church bells called out to the faithful with a joyous peal.

But, most of all, Christmas was a time for laughter of children skating merrily across a pond or neighbours exchanging greetings of the season as their sleighs passed.

Perhaps no other era symbolizes the spirit of

Christmas so well as the Victorian era, however.

No doubt the popularity of Dickens' stories have helped perpetuate this image of Victorian England, merrily celebrating the holiday season. The exchange of gifts and cards were an important part of the Victorian Christmas, as was the holiday feast.

There was much visiting

back and forth among family and friends, in horse-drawn coaches that wended their way along snow thoroughfares.

Couples kissed under the mistletoe and children exclaimed delightedly at the arrival of the blazing plum pudding at holiday tables.

All these activities created a tradition of every day

plenty that still influences us to this day.

But, though the externals have changed greatly - we now go off to Grandma's in the family car instead of a sleigh - we still celebrate Christmas in the same spirit of joy and generosity that characterized Dickens' England and the America of yesteryear.



**Merry Christmas**

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**GREETINGS**

Yuletide Greetings! May home and hearts be filled with laughter, joy and good will this glad Holiday Season.

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# The girls gave away their breakfasts to the children

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was born, and was considered by them all more as a friend than a servant.

"She will be back soon, I think; so fry your cakes, and have everything ready," said Meg, looking over the presents which were collected in a basket and kept under the sofa, ready to be produced at the proper time.

...Another bang of the street door sent the basket under the sofa, and the girls to the table, eager for breakfast.

"Merry Christmas, Mar-

meet! Many of them! Thank you for our books; we read some, and mean to every day," they cried, in chorus.

"Merry Christmas, little daughters! I'm glad you began at once, and hope you will keep on. But I want to say one word before we sit down. Not far away from here lies a poor woman with a little newborn baby. Six children are huddled into one bed to keep from freezing, for they have no fire. There is nothing to eat over there; and the oldest boy came to tell me they were suffering

hunger and cold. My girls, will you give them your breakfast as a Christmas present?"

They were all unusually hungry, having waited nearly an hour, and for a minute no one spoke; only a minute, for Jo exclaimed impetuously, "I'm so glad you came before we began!"

"May I go and help carry the things to the poor little children?" asked Beth eagerly.

"I shall take the cream and the muffins," added Amy, heroically giving up

the articles she most liked.

Meg was already covering the buckwheats, and piling the bread into one big plate.

"I thought you'd do it," said Mrs. March, smiling as if satisfied. "You shall all go and help me, and when we come back we will have bread and milk for breakfast, and make it up at dinnertime."

They were soon ready, and the procession set out. Fortunately it was early, and they went through the back streets, so few people saw them, and no one

laughed at the queer party.

A poor, bare miserable room it was, with broken windows, no fire, ragged bedclothes, a sick mother, wailing baby, and a group of pale, hungry children cuddled under one old quilt trying to keep warm.

How the big eyes stared and the blue lips smiled as the girls went in!

"Ach, mein Gott! It is good angels come to us!" said the poor woman crying for joy.

"Funny angels in hoods and mittens," said Jo, and set them laughing.

In a few minutes it really did seem as if kind spirits had been at work there. Hannah, who had carried wood, made a fire, and stopped up the broken panes with old hats and her own cloak. Mrs. March gave the mother tea and gruel, and comforted her with promises of help, while she dressed the little baby as tenderly as if it had been her own. The girls, meantime, spread the table, set the children round the fire, and fed them like so many hungry

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Get ready, get set, for the merriest Christmas yet! Happy Holidays!

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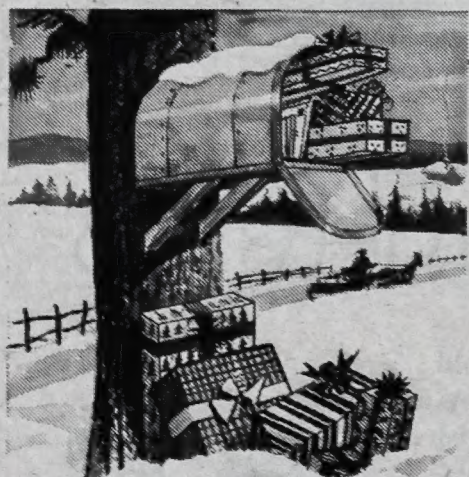


May the peace of Christmas be in all hearts this the most joyous of seasons. Happy holidays to you.

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# Long-ago traditions made warm and wonder-filled holidays

Once again, the most joyous of holiday season is upon us, bringing a spiritual renewal and strength-

## The happiness of giving

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birds - laughing, talking, and trying to understand the funny broken English.

That was a very happy breakfast, though they didn't get any of it; and when they went away; leav-

ing comfort behind, I think there were not in all the city four merrier people than the hungry little girls who gave away their breakfasts and contented themselves with bread and milk on Christmas morning.

ening of family bonds. Among all these holiday traditions are found many of long-ago and enchanting history.

The hanging of mistletoe is a practice derived from the British custom of the "Kissing Ball". This special ornament was made from evergreen branches and was hung in a passageway. A berry was removed each time a kiss was ex-

changed. Once all berries were removed, kissing ceased.

Decorative wreaths for doors and windows are traditions thought to have been inspired by the great Della Robbia family of Florence, Italy. This popular wreath pattern of fruit and foliage was originally made to resemble small, circular garlands, surrounding tiny figurines. Gradually the

round greens grew in size until ready to stand as art in themselves.

The practice of hanging Christmas stockings began in Southern Europe. Legend states that an old man was in despair because he had no money for his daughters' dowries. Saint Nicholas, hearing of the man's plight, dropped a bag of gold down the

oldster's chimney. The gift travelled quickly and landed in a stocking, hung upon the mantle to dry.

The next year, friends and neighbours hung out their prettiest stockings in anticipation of the coming of the generous Saint. Today, the practice of hanging these picturesque socks remains one of the happiest of Christmas traditions.



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May the meaning of Christmas be deeper; its friendship stronger; its hopes brighter as it comes to you this year.

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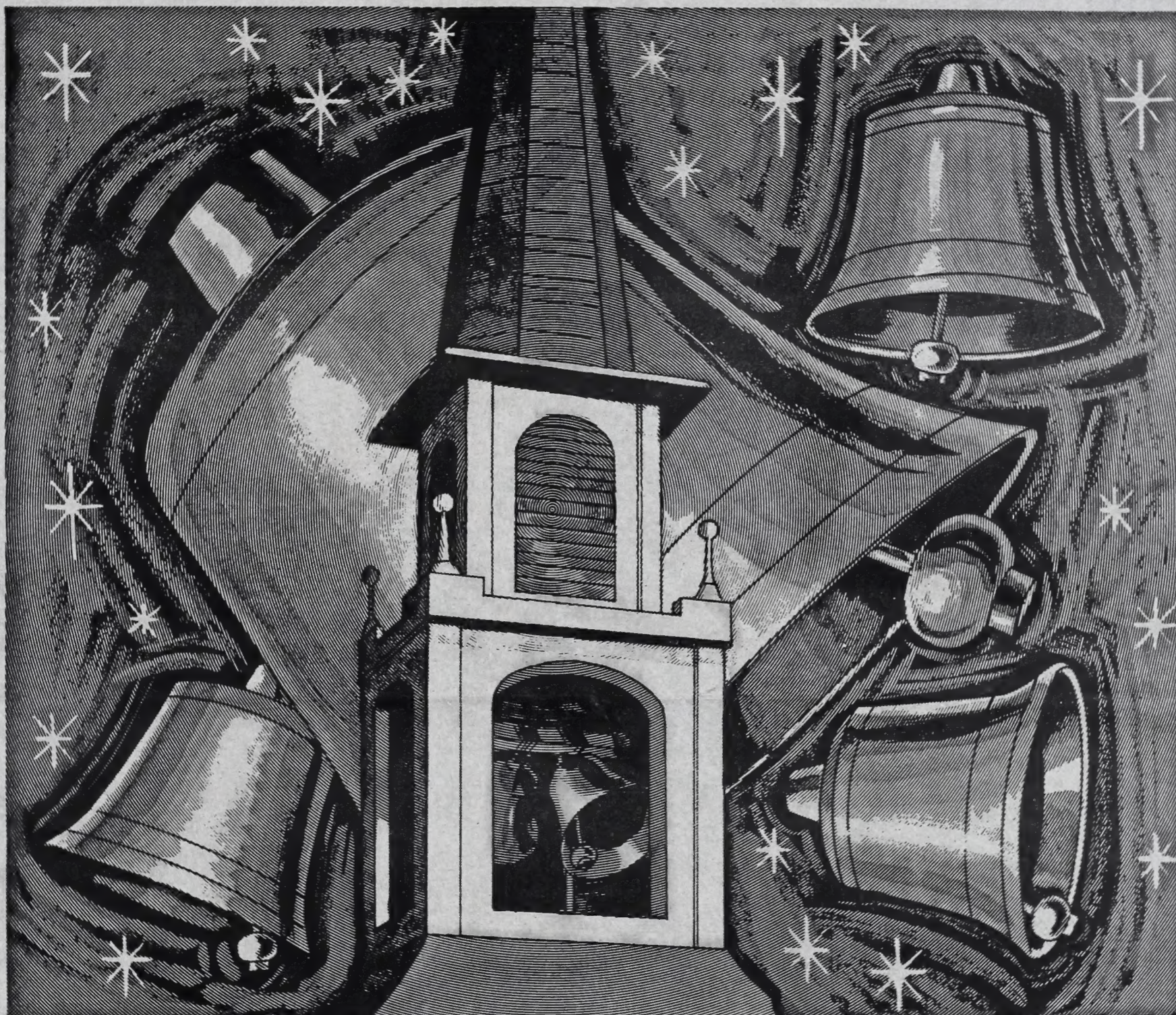
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# PEACE ON EARTH



Once more the message of Christmas shines in men's hearts...  
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 is that this holy season may find a world at peace.

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